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*In the Brief Description of the Drawings on page 10, lines 13 through 21, please amend as follows:*

Fig. 3 representatively shows a plan view of the prefastened absorbent article of Fig. 1 in an unfastened, stretched and laid flat condition with the surface of the article which contacts the wearer's skin facing the viewer ~~and with portions of the article partially cut away to show the underlying features;~~

Fig. ~~4A-4I~~ representatively shows front plan views of various examples of multiple property fasteners that can be used with the prefastened absorbent articles of the invention. The multiple property fasteners can have zones of different hook materials. The multiple property fasteners can also have zones of engagement hooks and non-abrasive hooks in different configurations as depicted in the Figure;

*On page 10, lines 33 through 35, please amend as follows:*

Fig. 8 representatively shows a partial plan view of a prefastened absorbent article of the invention in a flat position in order to illustrate the relationship between the multiple property fasteners of the invention and the front waist region of the article.

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*On page 32, line 17 through 32, please amend as follows:*

The experiments summarized in Table 1 above demonstrate the dimension of the oversized multiple property fasteners 60 in the fastener lateral direction 63. The dimension of the oversized multiple property fasteners 60 in the fastener longitudinal direction 62 is also relevant. If the oversized multiple property fastener 60 does not have sufficient length in the fastener longitudinal direction 62, the waist edge 32 of the article will roll/fold inward. Desirably, the oversized multiple property fastener 60 has a length in the fastener longitudinal direction 62 sufficient to bring the edge of the fastener within about 1 inch (2.54 cm) of the waist edge 32 of the article. The distance between the oversized multiple property fastener 60 and the waist edge 32 is indicated in Fig. 8 by reference numeral '79'. Generally speaking then, the oversized multiple property fastener 60 has a top edge that is generally aligned with a waist edge 32 of the article. Generally speaking then, the oversized multiple property fastener 60 has a top edge that is generally aligned with a waist edge 32 of the article. While waist edge 32 folding was not measured for the articles identified in Table 1., for each of the tested articles the fastener was within about 1 inch of the waist edge. Therefore, it is possible to locate fasteners on conventional diapers within about 1 inch of the waist edge. The maximum length of a fastener in the fastener longitudinal direction 62 will depend on the overall size of the article; desirably, however, the fastener is not so long in the fastener longitudinal direction 62 that the fastener occludes or covers up the leg opening of the article.